

1) The amendment/preliminary amendment filed 3/03/2008 is acknowledged.

2) The List Of Related Applications filed 5/05/2008 has been checked by the Examiner. The copy is attached herein.

3) An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Cancel non-elected claims 1-3,5,7 and 8.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. ECKHARD H. KUESTERS (Reg # 28,870) on 6/02/2008.

4) Claim 4 is allowed.

The applicant's arguments in the remarks are found persuasive. Claim 4 is allowable over prior art of record.

5) The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Form PTO-892 is attached herein.

6) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAN Xuan DINH

whose telephone number is **571-272-7586**. The examiner can normally be reached on **MONDAY-FRIDAY** from **8:30AM** to **5:30PM**.

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